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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Proposed Indian Itinerary for Two ORR Officers

25X1A9a 1. The attached draft staff study on foreign travel for two ORR officers, [REDACTED] includes a proposed visit to New Delhi and Calcutta.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] as Chief of Economic Research, is responsible for our program of analysis on Soviet economic penetration activities in underdeveloped areas. We think that India represents the most significant test of the Soviet penetration program. It is a nation without a predisposed political leaning toward the Bloc or the West, and it has the human and material resources to support a modern industrial system. Finally, it has reached a state of development which makes possible effective use of the aid equipment installed. The development of India will inevitably be compared with that of Communist China by other Asian nations.

25X1A9a 3. For these reasons, we believe it would be most worthwhile for [REDACTED] to have an opportunity to discuss the major Bloc and Western development projects in India with U.S. Embassy officials in both Calcutta and New Delhi [REDACTED] Most important is the comparative steel industry development at Bhilai, Madhya Pradesh (USSR); Jamshedpur, Bihar (US-Kaiser); Rourkela, Orissa (West German); and Durgapur, West Bengal (UK).

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4. [REDACTED], as Chief of Geographic Research, is responsible for the ORR program of geographic research -- including unconventional warfare studies in support of operational planning -- and for the map procurement efforts conducted through [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] plans to have extended discussions with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] may be [REDACTED]

5. Following the completion of business in New Delhi, Messrs. 25X1A9a and 25X1A9a [REDACTED] will devote a few days to familiarization travel within India. This will include particularly a trip to Darjeeling, which provides excellent opportunities for first-hand observation of physical features, cultures, economic response to changing physical conditions, and the wide variety of ethnic types inhabiting the Indian area.

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